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Editorial Briefs.

WE still have on hand quite a number of Annuals. Have you seen a copy of it? Order one. You will want it as a book of reference.

IN next week's paper we will have something to say about the appeals that come to this office asking for the paper, from persons who are in actual poverty. Perhaps you will be surprised to learn that such a state of affairs exists anywhere in the brotherhood.

WE would like to have the name of the president and of the secretary of every Young People's Society in the brotherhood. Now will our young people please respond to this call? We have a special object in view and we assure you that it will be to your interest to send us the names asked for.

THIS paper is sent to subscribers only. More than three fourths of all subscriptions expired with the last issue of 1896; since then two extra papers have been mailed to all old subscribers, many of whom have not yet renewed. Will not those who get this paper do all they can to secure us new subscribers and get old ones to renew? We invite the co-operation of the whole church in increasing the list to 3000.

A WRITER in the *Homiletic Review* prophesies the coming of a great revival in Christianity. He gives, in detail, what he thinks will be the characteristics of this revival. In a future issue we may give a somewhat extended review of the article. For the present suffice it to say that the Brethren Church needs to gather her forces and rally around the support of her institutions or she will not be ready when the tidal wave comes.

DURING the last week we have received several orders for Quarterlies, but have

been unable to fill them, as the stock is entirely exhausted, except perhaps 150 copies which are not complete. Through an error lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4 were left out. Already three lessons for the quarter have been used. After the fourth lesson these Quarterlies can be used, as with this exception, they are exactly like the others. They can be had at two cents each.

THERE has been a decided dearth in original copy during the last ten days. As a rule there is no scarcity of church news during the winter months, but for some cause church news seems to have been cut off all at once. Come brethren, and sisters too, let the brotherhood know what you are doing. A few weeks ago we published as many as four pages of church news in one issue; this issue has little more than a page. Contributions also are scarce. There is more re-print in this week's paper than any we have issued for a long time. It is good reading matter but not exactly what we want.

HAVE our good sisters forgotten that there is a special department in the paper for them? Not only are all the departments of the EVANGELIST open to the sisters, but an extra page is given them, where the work of the S. S. C. E. can have special representation. We call attention to this fact because copy for this department has of late been very scarce. Sister Grossnickle is very busy holding revival meetings and perhaps this is the reason why we do not hear from her. Her contributions are always appreciated, in fact there seems to be something missing when her pen is quiet. There are many sisters in the church who can write, write ably and creditably; why do they not write? We have written letters to some of them requesting them to become regular contributors to the paper; others have been invited through the paper. We hope the sisters will avail themselves of the full privileges afforded them by the Brethren Church.

THE truly loyal member of the church, be he preacher or layman, supports, by his life, his words, his actions and his means, every institution of the church.

THE four numbers of *Our Little Folks* for the month of February have been mailed. All the numbers of *Cheering Words* for the same month will be mailed the latter part of this week.

IF pastors and agents will do their full duty we will reach the 3000 mark before April 1. As an evidence of what can be done with an earnest effort we refer our readers to the church in Pittsburg. Many of the members in this church have not had regular employment for a long time. They have been made to feel the burden of hard times. And yet in this church Brother Bole secured thirty subscribers, and sent the cash with the order. Formerly there were fourteen subscribers in Pittsburg. It will be seen therefore that the list has been more than doubled. It required work to do this, but with the same effort the same work could be done in many other places. When our ministers once realize the fact that the success of this work depends very largely upon them, then there will be manifested a greater earnestness in the discharge of this obligation. It is the experience of all other denominations that any enterprise or institution of the church, receives support from lay members in exact proportion to the zeal, the earnestness and interest manifested in the enterprise, by the ministers of that church. "Like priest, like people," is a principle that applies in this case. Where the pastor is thoroughly in harmony with the institutions of the church, presents the matter from the pulpit, urges his people to support the various enterprises of the church, the members of a congregation with such a pastor may always be depended upon to do their share in the support of all the church's interests. Loyalty to a church demands loyalty to all the institutions of that church.